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members of the crew taken on here in this port. On the 17th instant the British steamship *Thespis*, for New York, N. Y., with a cargo of coffee, 11 first-cabin passengers and 19 steerage passengers from this port, and also 1 new member of the crew signed on in this port. On the 19th instant the British steamship *Glencoe*, for New York, N. Y., with a cargo of coffee, no passengers, and with no change in the crew personnel. This vessel sailed from here to New York via Santos, there taking on her full cargo. On the same date the German steamship *Gertrud*, for New York, N. Y., with one steerage passenger from this port, no cabin passengers, and with no change in the personnel of the crew, and on the 20th instant the British steamship *Merchant Prince*, for New Orleans, La., with a cargo of coffee, no passengers of any class, and with no change in the personnel of the ship's crew while in this port.

No other vessels requiring inspection left this port during the period under report.

*Mortality and morbidity of Rio de Janeiro.*

Week ended October 21, 1906. Total deaths during the week, 229. No deaths from yellow fever, and no cases reported during the week. There were 4 cases of variola reported during the week, but no deaths from this disease; but bubonic plague gives a total of 4 deaths with 19 reported cases, the largest number of cases reported in any one week this current year.

At the close of the week there were in the Hospital Sao Sebastiao, 1 case of variola, 11 cases of bubonic plague, and 28 cases of suspicious illness under observation.

CHINA.

*Report from Shanghai—Inspection of vessels—Steam disinfection of baggage.*

Temporary Acting Assistant Surgeon Mills reports, October 15 and 23, as follows:

Week ended October 13, 1906. One original and one supplemental bill of health issued to 2 steamships. The U. S. S. *El Cano*, to which the original bill was issued, was not inspected, but was certified to by the acting assistant surgeon on board. One steamer had the quarters of the crew and 48 pieces of effects disinfected. Manifests were viséed for 23,623 pieces of freight.

No official reports have been received from outports, but a bill of health issued at Hankow shows 24 deaths from cholera.

Week ended October 20, 1906. Three original and 2 supplemental bills of health issued to 5 steamships. These vessels and their crews, numbering 527, were inspected and found in good sanitary condition. Ninety-two pieces of baggage belonging to crew were disinfected by superheated steam. This number comprizes the crews of the steamships *Kennebec* and *Ashtabula*.

No contagious diseases reported from outports for the week ended October 13, 1906.